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December 17, 1975

CLASS. [redacted]

RE: ANANDA MARGA

DATE OF REVIEW: 01/28/84

Reference is made to your [redacted]

The Ananda Marga Yoga Society is self-described as a group whose members attempt, through self-discipline and meditation, to find ecstasy and inner peace. The Society claims to have 80 branches in the United States.

The Society has engaged in demonstrations in Washington, D. C., and San Francisco, California, in 1972 and 1973. The demonstrations occurred at the Indian Embassy, Indian Consulate, and the White House. The stated purpose of these demonstrations was to protest the jailing of the Society's spiritual leader, Shrii Shrii Anandamurti by the Indian Government in 1971. Anandamurti was arrested by the Indian Government for the murder of six people.

These demonstrations were conducted in a law abiding and peaceful manner; however, a demonstration at the Indian Embassy on April 23, 1973, resulted in the arrest of two demonstrators by the Executive Protective Service for the "Depositing of Trash in a Public Place." The demonstrators were attempting to deliver to the Indian Ambassador the ashes of a monk who had immolated himself. In the process, the container of ashes was dropped and broke on the Embassy steps.

In 1973, the Society published a monthly magazine entitled "Sadvipra." It is not known if this magazine is still being published.

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It is to be noted that information concerning Ananda Marga was furnished the State Department on 10/21/75 as the State Department needed all information available to assist in determining if visas should be issued to foreign members of Ananda Marga. Also, through Legat, Manila, the [Redacted] was furnished the same information. ~~(S)~~ (U)

The LHM has been prepared for delivery to the [Redacted] ~~(S)~~ (U)

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